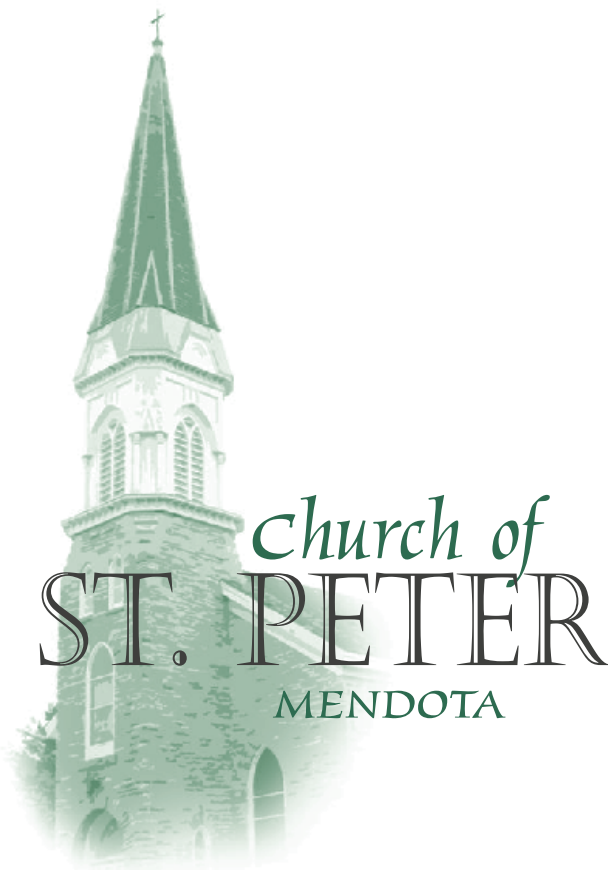




October 13, 2013
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Call the parish office for more information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Writing as I am on Sunday afternoon after the conclusion of our Fall Festival, I am deeply grateful to all involved who made it such a tremendous success. As the weather forecasts started to predict something other than optimum festival weather, I wondered what we could do to salvage the annual event. Our committee swung into action, though, making the call early enough to allow for games, food, bingo, and vendors all to be indoors. As it turned out, the close quarters worked very well. The temperatures in the upper 40s and lower 50s and the mist and showers didn't affect us inside the building. Even the games seemed to attract and hold the attention of more people because everything was within a few steps. It was a lot of fun.

Many thanks go to our Fall Festival Committee: Gail Barta, Sarah Larsen, Yvonne Houle-Gillard, John Plut, John Vogel, Nancy Stanton, and Ralph Dumond. They were assisted by our staff liaison, Sara Rogers, and many volunteers, including many of the spouses of committee members. You did a terrific job!

I am hoping that when you read this, I will be able to look back on a fruitful four-day retreat. As I am preparing to leave for the retreat center, it seems to be an especially good time to tune out the news. The past couple of weeks have been difficult ones for me, as I suppose they have been for you who love our Church. I neglected to make available a heartfelt letter to all of you from Archbishop Nienstedt, dated Friday, September 27. In it he states:

... I want to share with you my personal feelings and thoughts on an important matter that has been in the news this week in our community. It has weighed heavily on my heart.

I am deeply saddened by the Curtis Wehmeyer case. In hearing the news, my heart ached for these children and their family. I am sorry that they have had to endure such pain and suffering. I have reflected on this at great length, and I have questioned my own judgment in dealing with the situation.

At the time I named Curtis Wehmeyer pastor, I did not know, nor did I suspect, that he was a risk to children. When we did receive the allegation of abuse against Wehmeyer, we immediately contacted law enforcement.

It is clear that Curtis Wehmeyer should not have been in active ministry. Understanding those facts today, I must conclude that I should have handled this matter more aggressively and I am sorry that I did not. I tried to do the right thing, but it wasn't enough, and I deeply regret that I couldn't prevent this horrible

crime from occurring. I will always feel the weight of that burden. Our standard is zero tolerance for child abuse by priests and absolute accountability. We never want this to happen again. We all must work together to protect children. For the past year, the archdiocese has been reviewing all of our policies and procedures. I am also calling for the formation of a Task Force to review our work in order to ensure the highest standards of child safety and security. The Task Force, soon to be formed, will have full authority and I will make their recommendations public.

As the leader of this local Church, I bear a special responsibility for the actions of the priests in our Archdiocese. I am deeply committed to do all in my power so that no one is harmed by priestly misconduct...

Since then, every day seems to bring new dimensions to the story of how our leadership, in the estimation of many, left people at risk. I spoke at the beginning of each of the Sunday Masses, and also read an announcement from our Archdiocese. Now I want to reprint the following letter to the clergy from Archbishop Nienstedt. Dated October 5 (last Saturday), it contains mostly the same information I read in the official statement:

My dear brother priests and deacons,

It is indeed a very challenging time for us in this local Church. I am certain that as you read and hear media reports, you are just as saddened and concerned as I am by the allegations and developments this week.

I must be clear: there can be no room for misconduct among us. Our standard must be zero tolerance for abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. There can be no question whatsoever. We are called to live in imitation of Christ and to lead by example. At the same time, we must be fair and just to all involved in the process of implementing our policies.

To that end, and as a follow up to my letter to you on Friday, September 27 in which I called for the formation of an independent task force, I write to you today to let you know that I have appointed Fr. Reginald Whitt, O.P. as Vicar of Ministerial Standards. Fr. Whitt has graciously accepted the appointment and is eager to serve.

In his new position, Fr. Whitt will be responsible for overseeing the current administration related to clergy misconduct and will appoint members to the Task Force. The Task Force will be charged with reviewing any and all issues related to clergy misconduct and to make specific recommendations regarding action to be taken and policies and procedures to be implemented.

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From the Pastor's Desk, cont.

The Vicar and the Task Force, which will convene this week, will have full authority and all of the resources needed to complete their work. The findings and recommendations of this Task Force will be released publicly when the final report is complete.

We hold a sacred trust. The People of God must be able to rely on us to do everything in our power to avoid any form of scandal. Indeed, our very vocation requires the highest standard of conduct so that all may be drawn to the person of Jesus Christ through our witness.

I ask for your renewed commitment to our shared mission to create and maintain safe environments where the Gospel of Jesus Christ can flourish.

Fraternally yours,

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Elementary & Middle School Religious Education Programs

Please remember there will be **no elementary classes (grades 1-5) OR middle school classes (grades 6-8) on Wednesday, October 16**, due to MEA weekend. Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 if you have any questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Sunday School

There is no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, October 20, due to MEA weekend. Please call Kathy Raible for more information. Thank you.

Pizza & Bingo Night!

On Friday, October 25, Family Faith in Action Team is excited to host another Pizza and Bingo Night. From 6-8 p.m. we will serve pizza and play bingo. Fun for all ages! Although this event is FREE, we ask that you make a "reservation" so we know how much pizza to order. There will be a table in the Gathering Space after all Masses on October 12/13 and October 19/20 to sign up for this event OR you can call the RE Phone Line at 651-905-4314 and leave a message to let us know how many are coming. We look forward to seeing you there!



Don't forget **individually-wrapped Halloween candy** to share with the poor children of Kentucky. A box for your donation is located in the coat room of the Main Church and the office entrance until November 3.

Pastoral Ministry

Prayer Shawl/ Baby Blanket Ministry

Thank you to all of our generous knitters and crocheters who have contributed many beautiful prayer shawls and baby blankets to this ministry. Many have benefited from these gifts and it can make a great difference in the lives of those who receive them. We continue to welcome your donated items. Shawls and baby blankets in all colors, shapes, and sizes are gladly accepted. You may choose your own yarn or you may contact us to obtain some available through pastoral ministry. Free patterns are also available or you may use your own favorite. For more information or to suggest a member of our parish in need of a gift, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of **William Amadick**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



Rediscover: Faith 2013 Speaker Series

Week of October 21

Due to popular demand, the speakers series talks are being repeated at new locations in fall 2013. The next talk is:

Rediscover: strength - Overcoming Life's Challenges through God's Grace.

Presented by Father Andrew Cozzens

This third talk in the four-part 2013 Rediscover: faith speakers series explores how the sacraments put us in real contact with the living Lord, who gives us the strength to overcome the challenges of life. With particular focus on the great beauty and mystery of the Mass and the abundant graces of the Eucharist, this talk helps explain how God provides the physical to humans as a way to connect us to the divine.

Monday, October 21: Holy Name of Jesus, Wayzata

Tuesday, October 22: Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Wednesday, October 23: James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas Saint Paul Campus

Thursday, October 24: Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

All talks begin at 7 p.m. and run a total of 90 minutes, including hospitality time. All talks are free and no registration is required. Make plans to attend and bring a friend or family member with you!

For dates and other details please visit Rediscover-faith.org under events.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 9/30/13-10/6/13	\$20,743
Actual for the period 9/30/13-10/6/13	\$18,404
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$226,578
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$190,098

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our big winners at the Fall Festival this year!

Raffle:

- 1st Prize (\$1000): Joe Yourczek
 2nd Prize (\$500): Patrick and Patricia Mathews
 3rd Prize (\$250): Bill Eldredge

\$100 Black-out Bingo:

Maggie Wilhelmy

Closest to the Pin:

(Name and distance away from the pin)

- 1st place: Pat Silgen, 4'4"
 2nd place: Jim Fink, 6'1"
 3rd place: Mike Larsen, 8'9"
 Under 18 winner: Jay Silgen, 5'5"

Way to go, and good luck to everybody in next year's competitions!

Attention Women!

Have you ever thought of becoming an usher and helping with the collections at Mass? This is not only for men! We are in need of parishioners to fill this important liturgical ministry role at both our 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. You can be scheduled as frequently as you prefer, and you are also able to request weekends off when you will be out of town. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact our Community Life Coordinator, Sara Rogers, at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org. Thank you for considering serving our parish in this way!

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Nicholas Hagemann and Julie Haman



All Souls Mass

On Saturday, November 2, we will be celebrating the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. This is a special time to remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Those who have had a loved one buried from St. Peter's within the last year will receive a special invitation to this Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Main Church. Following Mass we will have a reception in Heritage Center. Please hold all who have died and their families in your prayers during the month of November.

Appalachian Christmas Follow Up

As a follow-up to the September 22 church bulletin article on the Appalachian Christmas Drive we would like to introduce a new program recently announced and backed by His Holiness, Pope Francis. "PAPAL FOOTPRINTS is geared to be a one-on-one gift to the youth from our schools' Faith Formation programs, and individual families."

The program involves filling a shoebox for a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Using a theme, you could fill a box with a child's toothbrush, toothpaste, Matchbox car, socks, and a T-shirt (using the Bob the Builder as an example). Girls might like hair barrettes, Barbie, beads, bracelets, etc. Fun things like yo-yos, a deck of cards, ball and jacks, Beanie Babies, suckers, pocket-sized flashlights (and batteries), and anything fun and unbreakable are other items for consideration. DO NOT WRAP! Labels for the boxes will be supplied and available in the gathering space.

Information on the program will be available on a poster in the gathering space.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathi Dumond, at 651-456-0986 or Paula Ehrich, at 651-686-0235.

Commemorative Bricks

The bricks are back! We will again be accepting order forms for commemorative bricks to be placed on our wall in the Gathering Space. The bricks are \$300 each and can take up to three lines of printing 15 letters, numbers or characters per line. This is a great way to honor a loved one or a family. Order forms will be available on the Information Counter in the Gathering Space, online or in the parish office.

The Week of October 14

Monday, October 14

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Orchestra, Heritage Center

Tuesday, October 15

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
11 am Lilydale Senior Living, Holy Communion
6:30 pm Growing Thru Loss, Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room I

Wednesday, October 16

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conf. Room I
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I

Thursday, October 17

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
10 am Small Faith Group, Room 9, Conference Room II
5:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm A Community Caring for Life, Conference Room I
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 18

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

Saturday, October 19

- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
2 pm Hagemann/Haman Wedding
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass:
CCW Poinsettia Sale
Pizza Bingo Sign Up

Sunday, October 20—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Mission Sunday

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
After Masses
CCW Poinsettia Sale, Hospitality,
Pizza Bingo Sign Up
12 pm Baptism, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of October 13

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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Mass Intentions

**The following are the intentions remembered
by the priest at Mass:**

Monday, October 14 - †Bob O'Neill

Tuesday, October 15 - †John Kolb

Wednesday, October 16 - †John Webb

Thursday, October 17 - Betty Smorin

Friday, October 18 - †Orville Nouska

Saturday, October 19 - †Florence May

Sunday, October 20

9 a.m. - †Joanne Erickson

11 a.m. - Mass For the People

Knights of Columbus Membership Recruitment

Knights of Columbus members will be available to provide information and answer questions you may have regarding the Knights of Columbus. They will be hosting a membership recruitment drive the weekend of October 12 and 13 after all Masses. If you need more information, please contact Jeff McNamara at 651-472-1220.

World Mission Sunday October 20, 2013

"Do Good on Earth" World Mission Sunday Theme

Pope Francis has proclaimed in his World Mission Sunday message, "...the power of God's love is able to overcome the darkness of evil and guide us on the path of goodness." As we join in prayer and offer gifts of support to help provide spiritual and physical support to struggling communities, we are in communion with every other parish in the world as they celebrate and take up offerings for World Mission Sunday on the same day. *"Do Good on Earth"* through the power of God's love and be as generous as you are able.

Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are welcome for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church **on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass**

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:
***"Could you not watch with me one hour?
Watch and pray."***

For more information
please contact Jane Vasiliou at 651-454-529
or jvasiliou@comcast.net.

Healthcare Workers Invited to Annual White Mass

Saturday, October 19

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt and the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites Catholic healthcare workers to attend the Archbishop's Annual White Mass on Saturday, October 19, at 5 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sonya Flomo at (651) 291-4488 or email flomos@archspm.org

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Open House Scheduled for Friday, November 22

Whether you are interested in having your child attend Faithful Shepherd Catholic School or would just like to know more about our school, we invite you to attend our open house on Friday, November 22, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Open house attendees will have an opportunity to take a tour of the school, have questions answered by Faithful Shepherd staff, current parents and students and receive more information about the school. The open house is held on an active school day so families can get a sense of a typical school day at Faithful Shepherd.

If you are unable to make this date, there will be two more open houses on January 26 and February 11. You may also contact Shawnessy Schwartz at 651-262-2898 or at sschwartz@fscsmn.org to arrange a private tour or shadow day opportunity.

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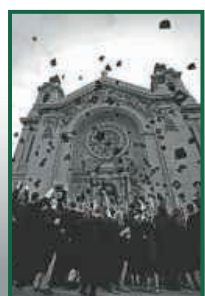
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Poinsettia Sale



Ordering Weekends: October 12-13 and 19-20
in the Gathering Space
or mail to CCW, Church of St. Peter
PO Box 50679, Mendota, MN 55150-0679 by October 20

Also for 2013, painted poinsettias, Gertens plant cards.
Pick Up December 14-15

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

Standard 5 blooms

Poinsettias	Red	Pink	White	Marble
1 to 3 \$13 each				
4 or more \$11.50 each				

Large/10 Blooms

Poinsettias	Red	Pink	White	Marble	Painted Blue \$16 or \$24
1 to 3 \$23					
4 or more \$21.50 each					

Cyclamen 6" pots (circle)

\$12 4 or more \$10 each	Red, White or Pink/Purple	
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Total quantity of items ordered: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Thank You!



Thank you

*to everyone who contributed to our Fall Festival!
It was a huge success thanks to you!*

Fall Festival Committee Members

Gail Barta
Ralph Dumond

Yvonne Houle-Gillard
Sarah Larsen
John Plut

Nancy Stanton
John Vogel

Fall Festival Volunteers

Al Barta
Paul and Connor Blaylock
Sandy Brownlee
Dawn, Pierce, and Cecelia
Cernohous
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Kitty Comstock
Marcus Connolly
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Elizabeth Reding
John Mark and Trish Reimann
Greg and Sally Reinhardt
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Margaret Smith
Chad Trochlil
Maggie Weightman
Tom Wernersbach
Ethan and Aidan White
Fred and McKenzie Williams
Joe and Barb Yourczek
Maggie Zirnheld

A special thank you to all who donated **beverage items, kids' games prizes, and funds!** The CCW would also like to extend a big thank you to all who brought **cakes or pies** — they were delicious! If we missed your name, we are so sorry; thank you for your help and your understanding!

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to pull together our Fall Festival! **We could always use more help** next year, **especially on our committee**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Please remember to also thank and support our vendors and company donors:

Androli Designs (Rebecca Androli)
Beyond Organics (Jennifer Burns)
Cake Pops (Kirk Family)
Candy Made (Candy Sykora)

Doodads & Tulle (M. & E. Seefeld)
Extraordinary Finds Jewelry
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Handmade Crafts (Gayle Stout)
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